Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - Program Officer (Survey and Evaluation Methods Advisor), Policy and Analyst Office, PA, 0343-FL-02, PD# 40649

- Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development
- Organization: Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)
- Location of Position: Washington, DC
- Open Period: September 29, 2021 October 20, 2021
- Appointment Type: This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five (5) years
- Salary: (USD) \$116,785-171,504 (annually) \*\*please note this range is non-negotiable
- Number of Vacancies: 1

**Description of Organization:** This position is located in the Analysis and Learning Division of the Policy and Analysis Office (PA) in USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS). RFS's mission is to partner to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and access to water and sanitation to accelerate and protect progress on the Journey to Self-Reliance. RFS oversees four highlevel, integrated efforts in support of this mission: (1) Feed the Future, guided by the *Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS)*, (2) the *USAID Multi-Sector Nutrition Strategy*, (3) the *U.S. Global Water Strategy*, and (4) efforts to increase resilience in areas of recurrent humanitarian crisis. To deliver on this work, RFS partners with other Federal Departments and Agencies, USAID Bureaus and Missions, universities, civil society, and other public- and private-sector actors.

The Policy and Analysis Office (PA) coordinates across RFS, the U.S. Government Interagency and external partners to set and adjust strategic and policy priorities, generate evidence, and disseminate learning. The Analysis and Learning Division (ALD) leads bureau efforts to measure impact, develop innovation methods and metrics, assess how a changing world will impact RFS programming, and promote a culture of evidence based decision making.

# **Description of Position:**

The incumbent will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE 45% Provide high-level technical leadership and guidance on monitoring and evaluation methods for RFS-supported resilience, food security, nutrition, and/or water security, sanitation and hygiene portfolios, strategies and initiatives. Keep abreast of technical developments in survey, sampling and indicator methods through work with relevant offices in USAID, other donors, international organizations, universities, and other institutions, and through participation in technical conferences, seminars and other activities. Prepare guidance and data collection and analytical materials and tools as may be required. Produce regular and ad hoc information products that communicate progress, challenges and opportunities for RFS-supported portfolios, strategies, and initiatives in collaboration with ALD and PA leadership, RFS's communications team and in cooperation with the RFS Program Office and technical teams/Centers. Review and clear on use of survey and evaluation results.

**TEAM AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT 45%** Lead a team that provides technical support, expert advice and survey and evaluation implementation services on workstreams related to developing innovative metrics and measurement methods, conducting and supporting population-based surveys and impact evaluations and supporting national data systems strengthening in RFS priority countries. Provide strategic direction and technical oversight required to accomplish the work of the team and ensure its quality and relevance. Mentor and build the capacity of team members. Serve as a key member of the ALD leadership team. Develop and regularly update the team's work plan in collaboration with the

leadership team. May also manage contracts and/or grants that collect monitoring data, or conduct evaluative research on RFS-related programs.

**PROGRAM EVALUATION 20%** Provide strategic leadership and technical oversight on the selection and design of impact evaluations to address priority questions, manage implementation, and ensure methodological rigor, data and analysis quality, and use of findings to improve program effectiveness. Provide interim evaluation reports and findings as data points to be used in strategic reviews. Ensure compatibility of recommendations with overall study objectives and findings.

**LIAISON SERVICES AND RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT 10%** Develop partnerships and promote intellectual collaboration related to metrics and measurement methods with other Agency Bureaus, U.S. universities and think tanks; U.S. Government agencies; development partners; multilateral organizations and UN technical agencies and implementing partners.

Perform other related duties as assigned.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level FSL-03 of this position. Specialized experience includes:
  - o Experience with the design, implementation and analysis of multi-topic population-based household surveys, including experience with sample design.
  - o Experience with the design, implementation and analysis of impact evaluations
- Experience leading and managing teams
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret-level security clearance.

### **Strongly preferred qualifications**

- Sectoral expertise in resilience, food security, nutrition, or water security, sanitation and hygiene
- Advanced degree in epidemiology, demography, statistics, economics, public health, sociology or related field
- Experience with development of new indicators, measurement techniques, and related guidance

#### Interested candidates should submit a:

- Resume/CV;
- A short written statement of interest

Please submit your application package to <a href="RFSjobs@usaid.gov">RFSjobs@usaid.gov</a>. Please use the subject line "FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Program Officer, (Survey and Evaluation Methods Advisor), Policy and Analyst Office, PA, 0343-FL-02, PD# 40649" Application submissions are required by 11:59 pm (EST), October 20, 2021. Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

# **EEO Policy Statement**

## **Reasonable Accommodation Policy**

Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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